GRAY WANTS CHANGE TO SHOW HIS FORM

McAleer's Only Southpaw Thinks He Is Ready to Pitch. Walker Works Today-Reisling's Spitter Too Much for Naps.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Cleveland.

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Totals 30 1 7 24 12
*Patted for Kruger in the ninth.
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Fine Argument If

They Meet.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 17 .- "Zbyszko

Dolly Gray has told Manager Mc-Aleer that he is feeling fit to take his regular turn in the bex for the Washington team, and help relieve the strain which pow seems likely to fall on Walter Johnson and Bob Groom as the mainstays of the pitching staff. Gray is still somewhat of an enigma to McAleer, who did not see him work lest year, and has seen him give rather weak exhibitions this spring. Washington needs a left-handed twirler the worst way, and as Gray 13 the only one on the list, his return to active duty will be of special importance to both the fans and the manager. In fact, the staff could well support another good southpaw, and the next new face seen in the line-up will be fact, the staff could well support another good southpaw, and the next new face seen in the line-up will be an individual touted as such.

Walker is to pitch today and Groom tomorrow. Walker has been showing long and such like that follow the March ourth inaugurations.

practice, and the manager thinks he will make good this afternoon. If he does not, it would not be surprising to see Walker ranked permanently with the "busted phenoms," for at no time since the regular season opened has he shown the class he had in the four games he pitched toward the end of last season.

General ourth inaugurations.

Wonder if Washington's hoodee on Cleveland is going to continue this year, as it has so many years in the straight winning:

Here is the summary of the third straight winning:

The Score:

Game today with Cleveland, 4 p. m.

Why do the heathen rage? Three games in a row would be nothing for the Washington baseball team if the pitching were to remain consistent and it may do that.

Not many comets are lucky enough to arrive at Washington when the home team is having a winning streak.

If there is any cyanogen in the tail of the comet as we pass through, hope some fan will catch hall a pint of it as little gift for Kid Slurap.

Thought in the first inning yesterday Thought in the first inning yesterday Falkenberg p.... that Doc Reisling was an advance Mitchell, p...... agent for the comet.

Look up Jimmy McAleer's stenographer and get him to confess. Then maybe Jimmy will be able to find all of a sudden like the answer to the remarkable ent in Washington pitching. That would be a valuable document for

Cleveland 0 0 9 0 0 0 1 0 6-1

First base on errors-Cleveland, 3
Left on bases-Washington, 5; Cleveland, 8, First base on balls-Off Reisling,
4: off Falkenberg, 1: Innings pitched—
By Falkenberg, 6; by Mitchell, 2: Hits made—Off Faikenberg, 7; Struck out—
By Falkenberg, 1: by Mitchell, 2: by Reisling, 3. Home run—Gessler. Two-base hits—Gessler. Clark. Sacrifice hits—Elberfeld, Street, Graney (2). Sacrifice fly—Bemis. Stolen base—Kruger.
Double plays—McBride (unassisted); McBride to Unglaub. Hit by pitcher—
By Mitchell (McBride). Umpires—Messrs. Kerin and Sheridan. Time of game—1 bour and 19 minutes. Attendance—3, 200. Doc Reisling pitched the easiest looking game in beating Cleveland 3 to 1 and making it three straight victories in a row for Washington that ever was seen. How he got away with it was a those who were not in a pomystery to those who were not in a po-sition to see that his spitball was breaking down in a manner startling to the Naps, and that left them with small Naps, and that left them with small chance of hitting it squarely. The apparent lack of effort in the doctor's work was really amazing and kept the crowd guessing when he would explode. He had his full share of luck, at that, as was evidenced by the terrific drives of Turner and Lajoie in the sixth interest with the control of the con of Turner and Lajole in the sixth inning, which went where Kid Elberfeld could knock them down, even if he could not handle them afterward. McBride also did a whole lot to save the doctor in emergencies, for the gentle George played the kind of game that is going played the kind of game that is going to cause cigars to be named after him

Conroy had an odd experience. He had one chance in the whole game, and that was so easy he booted in in the Says Pole Will Give Gotch minth inning, with two on bases. That is not Conroy's usual style.

Still, Reisling demonstrated to the eighbors there assembled that in an imergency he had more than his free-ind-easy style of twirling indicated in the sixth inning Clarke led off with a double, and the outlook was as

EXPERION N. Y. May 12—"Zhyzako was grouper and better last night that was might be active limited and the light that the active local was prompted to the same handless when he was prompted to the same handless when the follow was prompted to the same handless when the same handless when the same handless was prompted to the same time of the prompted to the same handless was prompted to the same handless was prompted to the same time and the light hand handless was prompted to the same time of the prompted to the same handless was prompted to the same handless was prompted to the same handless was prompted to th

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The making of the Washington runs was entirely orthodox and in keeping with the lofty attitude our team has preserved toward the opposition throughout the season. So far Washington has mostly spurned scarching on errors and thoughtlessness by the other fellows. It has insisted upon beating in the runs by main force, which has been a most comforting reflection even in the direct hours, for it showed that there was stamina and substance in the lineup if it could only get good pitching to back it. Washington made three runs yesterday, and all of them were earned. Milan singled in the first inning, took third on Conroy's single and scored on Lelivelt's infield out. The most captious critic could not carp about that. Doc Gessler batted himself all the way home from the plate in the fourth inning, as aforetold. With two out in the sixth Elberfeld singled and was sent from first to the plate by Gessler's double to right. Pretty good stuff, and that is the way it has been going right along.

We wish to say amen to Brother Peet's fling of this morning at the class of people who, every time a bail team begins to lose, take pen in hand to write anonymous letters to the newspapers, making all sorts of charges against the players. It might be mentioned that it is very seldom that a judge gives less than two years in the penitentiary to those who send scurrilous matter through the mails, and that it is often a simple matter to find the sender. The charge that Walter Johnson has shown poor form this season because of incessant cigarette smoking has been going around town from the small cowardly and anonymous sources for some days, and does not contain a grain of truth. Johnson has pitched a lot of bad ball this year. His poor performances on the diamond is open to criticism by the fans and newspapers, just as is the work of any 6 her man in the public, and who matts a living out of exhibiting his peculiar abilities before the public. But the constant harp-

Standings and Possibilities AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results. Boston, 11; Detroit, 4. New York, 5: St. Louis, 3. Philadelphia, 6; Chicago, 1.

Today's Games. Chicago at Philadelphia, St. Louis at New York. Detroit at Boston.

Cleveland at Washington.

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Club.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.	Lose
Philadelphia	.16	4	.800		762
New York	13	8	.619	-636	501
Detroit	15	10	.600	.615	.577
Cleveland		10	.545	-263	.522
Boston	73	12	.500	.525	.480
Chicago	8	12	.400	-429	.381
Washington	9	16	.360	.385	.246
St. Louis	4	17	.190	.227	.182

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Resulta. Pittsburg, 7; Philadelphia, 4. Chicago, 4; Boston, 3. Cincinnati, 3; Brooklyn, 2.

St. Louis, 4; New York, 2. Boston at Pittsburg. Brooklyn at Chicago. New York at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at St. Louis.

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Cincinnati12	3	-571	.591	.545	
Chicago13	11 -	.542	.560	.520	
New York 14	32	.538	.556	.519	
St. Louis11	13	-485	.480	.440	
Boston 9	14	.391	.417	.375	
Brooklyn 9	17	.346	.370	.333	

AMATEUR LEAGUES.

Yesterday's Results. Capital City League-No game. Departmental League - Commerce and Labor, 9; Navy, 2.

Sunday School League-Peck, 12; Langdon, 3. Marquette League-Pension Bueau, 8; Congressionals, 6. Commercial League-R. P. An drews, 8; Berry & Whitmore, 1

Bankers' League-No game. Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. League-Southern, 5; Station, 3. Independence League-Manhattan, ; National Union, 1. Southern Railway League - No

Suburban League-Silver Spring, 9; Mt. Pleasant, 4. Olympia League-Olives, 3; Tanglewood, 1. Colored Departmental League-Agricultural, 16; Bureau, 6.

game.

GAMES TODAY. Capital City League - Postponed game will be played at Capital City Park, First and M streets north-

Departmental League-Commissioners vs. Agriculture, on the White Sunday School League-Ninth vs.

Sixth, at Thirteenth and D streets northeast. Marquette League-G. P. O. vs. Coumbia 101 at First and W streets

northwest. Commercial League-Bretanos vs. the Washington Herald, at Georgia avenue and Kenyon street Bankers' League-No game sched-

Southern Railway League-Bookkeepers vs. Treasurers. Olympia League-Tennallytown vs.

MURPHY SAYS JEFF CAN'T COME BACK

Impossible to Recover His Old Form, Even If He Wins.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

There is probably no man in America whose opinion of athletes and their condition carries so much weight with amateurs and professionals of intelligence as Mike Murphy, trainer at the University of Pennsylvania, and handler of the American Olympic team at London. Murphy has accomplished results with Murphy has accomplished results with unpromising material that were almost uncanny. He is not only a practical man in athletics, but he is a deep student of physiology and hygiene, and is better informed on the workings of the human system than many practicing physicians, for he combines both theory

This aforesaid well qualified Murphy has come out with a signed statement perfectly dispassionate and coldly analytical in its utterances, to the effect that it is a physical impossibility for James J. Jeffries to recover the form he had when he won the pugilistic championship of the world. He cites the case of boxers of his acquaintance who have led clean, exemplary lives under the most favorable conditions, who quit when in their prime, then tried to come back after a less period than the six years Jeffries has been out of the ring, only to find that they were pitiably shy of their former selves. In every instance they lacked speed, snap, and accuracy in their punches, nor were they able to recuperate as rapidly as they could in their previous bouts. They could neither deliver nor accept the punishment of old-and had to leave the ring permanently. They looked good in their work-out, and were so full of confidence that they backed themselves heavily to win, only to see a youngster of less experience but less indebted to nature get their

The position taken by the eminent Murphy is exactly that of the writer and of a whole host of professional boxers and newspaper critics. It is that Jeffries may win, but even if he does he will not be the Jeffries of 1906 or 1904 by a large margin. A victory by him would not mean the upsetting of the immutable laws of progress and decay, but merely that the negro is even less apable as a fighting man, or, in other words, that the negro in his prime is less of a pugillet than a markedly backward Jeffries. This should be kept in mind by every man who expects to see the fight or bet on it. You are not going to see the Jeffries who won the

the fight or bet on it. You are not going to see the Jeffries who won the world's championship, face Johnson, but a Jeffries who must inevitably have retrograded, so against a negro whose real prowess is highly problematical because of his unusual career in meeting only smaller men. The only way to figure the fight is to fix Johnson's approximate present ability in your mind, and from that make your own calculations of the probable percentage of decline in Jeffries. Even if the white man wins by a punch in the first round this statement will not be disproved.

Victor H. Metcalf, former Secretary of the Navy, was at the White House yesterday, having just arrived from the Pacific coast, and was naturally quizzed about the coming battle. All credit to Mr. Metcalf for his self-restraint in not delivering an hysterical scream about how the contest would bring the fair name of California into reprosch, would offend every decent citizen of the Golden West, etc., etc., etc., after the manner of most public personages when their opinions are sought on pugilistic matters. It was a fine chance for him to get his name in all the publications run by professional reformers, but he had the moral courage to discuss the subject as one in which he saw no disgrace to California or the rest of the world. This is such a refreshing departure from the milk, and-water, nolier-than-thou attitude of the vast majority of prominent men in this country that Mr. Metcalf deserves the thanks of every person sincerely interested in seeing maintained the American ideal of using the fists instead of a knife or gun.

It is evident that the promoters of ticknic world. But the approach is the approach in the after. It is evident that the promoters of ticknic to the match of fours, the rest will be a pair match in the after.

NELSON SECONDS Amateur League Standings CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE. W. L. Pct. 4 1 500

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"Such a board, to be successful, would have to be composed of men who have no financial interest in either boxing clubs or boxers. The members must be well posted on all the ethics of the game, and moreover, must be of such a callber that no word could ever b raised against their decisions.
"We have men like Harry Edwards

of Philadelphia, and Tommy Andrews of Milwaukee, and Mlah Murray, of Boston, who are authorities on the sport from every angle, but even they should be barred from such a board becau they are financially interested in big boxing clubs. If these three men well to sever their allegiances with the clubs they would perhaps be the idea Americans to represent the interest of

Americans to represent the interest of the sport in this country.

"As it is, I can think of no man better qualified and better adapted to the place than Big Bill Edwards, street commissioner of New York. He is an excellent boxer binself, a natural born business man and a string executive. Besides, he is high grade and a thorough sportsman.

"The weight question will cause considerable trouble. America has a certain weight well grounded into the minds of every sporting man, and still, there are faults to fud with this weight. The bantam limit, of 115 pounds ringside is right. The featherweight limit of 122 pounds ringside seems a shade low. There is too great a jump between this poundage and the 123 ringside lightweights are compelled to make. I would favor something like 124 or 125 pounds for the featherweights at ringside. Welters at 142 seems proper, and the middleweight limit is all right.

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all right.
"These weights should be strictly adhered to at all times. Here is where the chief regulating must be done, and where the greatest difficulty will be encountered. Clubs will be tempted to waive weight rules in order to secure attractive matches, and hoxers will be tempted to force certain weights when they know the clubs are anxious to book them."

DOHAN BEATS ROWAN.

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SULLIVAN TO MEET HYLAND IN ALBANY

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